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Headquarters Democratic Central Committee of New Mexico.
Santa Fe, N. M., July 10th, 1898.
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Democratic Territorial Central Committee will be held at Santa Fe, N. M., on Monday, August 4th, 1898.
All members are earnestly requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.
C. H. GILBERTSON, Chairman.

FRANK MARTINEZ, Secretary.

After July 1st next, silver will cease altogether to be money, and become again a commercial commodity, the same as wheat, corn and cotton.

Silver was partially remonetized by the Hoad Bill in 1878. It will be absolutely demonetized on July 1st, 1891, by the bill just passed Congress.

The alleged silver bill just passed Congress puts it in the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to peremptorily stop the purchase of silver at the end of this fiscal year.

The President on Thursday appointed Edward P. Seeds, of Iowa, to be associate justice of the Territory of New Mexico. This is the fifth justice, that district having been lately created by act of Congress.

Rogers Q. Mills has consented to speak in St. Louis in October, on condition that the largest hall in the city shall be secured, that the audience shall be admitted only on tickets, and that none but working men shall be admitted.

A frightful catastrophe occurred on the lake near St. Paul a few days ago. A large number of sailing parties were out on the lakes, when a sudden cyclone occurred, wrecking and sinking the vessels. Something over a hundred persons were drowned.

The passage of the Compromise bill demonetizing silver, and the Federal Election bill, though as yet passed by the House only, will be good for a Democratic majority of fifty in the next House of Representatives, and a substantial Democratic gain in the next Senate. The people of the United States believe in free money and home rule, and they will have it.

Senator John Sherman announced the other day his intention of retiring from public life at the end of his present term, March 4, 1899. John is only 67 years old, and there is plenty of time for him to retract that declaration and hold on quite a spell yet. He was elected to Congress in 1858, and has been in the House or Senate nearly all the time since.

The House actually rejected two Republican contestants for Democratic seats the other day. They had passed the Force Election bill, however, by turning out Democrats and putting Republicans in their places, and did not need any more such votes. Having accomplished the purpose of ousting Democrats, they can now afford to be honest in that respect.

The lottery scheme in Louisiana had a strange termination. The two Houses of the Legislature passed the bill—the Governor vetoed it and it then passed the House and went to the Senate. One of the members was too sick to attend the session at the Capitol, so the Senate held an adjourned session at the sick man's bedside. But before his vote could be taken he was dead, and the bill lacked one vote of the two-thirds necessary to pass it. The pretense is now made that the bill providing for a Constitutional amendment striking out the anti-lottery clause, it was not subject to the Governor's veto. The case has gone into the courts.

That the Eastern opponents of silver courage thoroughly understand the nature and effect of the late compromise on the silver bill, is demonstrated by the following from a New York paper, an uncompromising opponent of silver as money. That paper says:

"The bill does not require the purchase of 4,000,000 ounces of silver absolutely, being limited by the words, 'or so much thereof as may be offered in each month at the market price.' The determination of the market price is necessarily left to the Secretary, and if he exercises his discretion impartially there will be no reason why silver bullion should be offered to him rather than to any other purchaser."

FEW AND FULL OF TROUBLE.

Since the return of the Republican party to power, its days have been full of trouble and destined to be few. Between the Pretorian demands for largess or desertion, and unnumbered and illimitable subsidies in various forms, an eighty million surplus has given place to a frightful deficit.

The pleasant sea-side cottage with the accompaniments of furniture, fine horses, stable equipments and free "grub," presented by a real estate speculating syndicate, has proven a veritable apple of Sodom, and the President wishes he "hadn't."

And now, after all his trouble with Tanner and the Pension Bureau come very grave official charges that the present incumbent is selling valuable official favors for cash to a professional pension shark in Washington. Vorily, "the way of the transgressor is hard." Like master, like man.

REEDER IN THE SENATE.

An effort is being made to modify the rules and usages of the Senate, in accordance with those forced upon the House by Speaker Reed, to limit debate at the will of an accidental majority, in order to force the passage of the Federal Elections bill by that body.

A Republican caucus was held a few evenings ago to discuss the proposition, but so much opposition was developed that the subject was postponed for further consideration later on. Meantime the Senate continues to be a deliberative body, which the House has ceased to be.

CONSTITUTIONAL MONEY.

Senator Morgan struck the key note of metal money legislation, the other day, in the debate on the silver bill. He insisted that the Congress had no power under the Constitution to legislate other than to regulate the coinage of gold and silver.

The Constitutional power of Congress over that subject has been singularly overlooked. The Constitution declares both gold and silver, equally, to be money and a legal tender, and there is no power, under that instrument, to discriminate in favor of or against either.

It can only say how much metal shall be put into a given description of coin, and make the necessary provision for coinage. That each shall be convertible into the other on equal terms and at the will of the holder, is an inescapable Constitutional inference, and that there is no power in Congress to prescribe different statutory values or make merchandise of either, or make either a basis for a paper issue, as in the compromise bill.

While the treasury may undoubtedly issue vouchers for purchases and for the payment of the expenses of government, in the shape of greenbacks or otherwise, as it always has and always must, in the nature of things, and which vouchers answer every purpose of money, yet gold and silver coins, and silver precisely as much as gold, stamped and issued by the Government, are and must be our sole Constitutional legal tender money.

COLORADO'S QUARANTINE.

At the late meeting of the Cattle Sanitary Board of New Mexico and Colorado, called at the request of the New Mexico Board, for the purpose of securing the removal or modification of the Colorado regulations, an arrangement was agreed upon, which is expressed in the following resolutions of the Colorado Board:

Whereas, This board has been instructed by the attorney general that they may allow cattle from south of the thirty-sixth parallel to pass through Colorado without inspection, if said cattle are not unloaded at all or are unloaded only in quarantine pens used solely for this class of stock, and whereas, this board has been asked by the Kansas and New Mexico sanitary authorities to amend our rules as to conform with the above instructions, be it

Resolved, That our inspectors at Haton, N. M., and Folsom be instructed to allow all cattle shipped by rail destined for points outside this state to enter and pass through Colorado by rail, to be unloaded only at such points as may be designated by this board, but that cattle destined for Colorado points shall be inspected, and a fee of 1-1/2 cents per head be collected as heretofore. Also be it

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the above resolution, this board hereby designates La Junta, Pueblo and Denver as the only points in the state where cattle en route through the state without inspection can be unloaded for feed and water. And it shall be in violation of the rules of this board for any railroad or shipper to unload cattle at any other point, also that any railroad or shipper bringing cattle destined for Colorado points into the state without first having obtained a bill of health from this board or its inspectors will be subject to penalties as prescribed for any violation of the regulations of this board.

HE IS DOING THEM.

It may not be much to the credit of the late Democratic Governor of the Territory—yet it is an indication that good seed sown does sometimes take root and grow in very barren places—that the *New Mexican*, the organ of the most Bourbonish of the Bourbonic element of the Republican party, is coming week by week to endorse the policies and recommendations of the late Democratic administration.

Some months ago it suddenly became very enthusiastic in its praise of the Finance Bill which the late Governor had urged the Legislature to pass four years and two years ago.

A few weeks ago it made an equally strong and urgent appeal to the coming Legislature to adopt the late Governor's recommendation of four years ago, and again for two years ago, for the creation of the office of county surveyor, as an essential part of a needed financial system.

And now comes the *New Mexican* of last week, and very urgently repeats the suggestion of the late Democratic Governor to the Executive Department at Washington, in 1888, that it is the business of the local state and territorial governments and the people and not of the general government, to provide methods of irrigation for the reclamation of the arid lands within their borders.

Really, the *New Mexican* is progressing. It camped last year where the late Democratic Governor camped the year before. It camps this year where he camped last year, and will doubtless camp next year where the late Governor camps this year. It is to the *New Mexican's* credit that it has the good sense to select a good example for emulation. It is a hopeful indication that it is on the path of reform to stay, and will eventually get there if its wind holds out—though the unwonted effort must be very trying.

The Albuquerque Citizen says the Perkins school bill "proclaims to the country that Congress believes that the territory is incapable of self-government." What other conclusion could Congress be expected to reach after reading the journals of the last legislature?

THE FAIR FOR 1898.

Active preparations are being made for the approaching Territorial Fair at Albuquerque. Everything is propitious for a good display and a successful exposition. The abundant rains the Territory has been receiving for the past few weeks will ensure a good crop of grains, vegetables and fruits, and thus ensure in turn a complete exhibition of those products, and also an illustration of the capacity of the country in that direction.

There is a beginning of unusual activity in mining throughout the Territory. A number of important discoveries have been made, and this will ensure an increased display of our vast mineral wealth.

In many other respects, the interest of the Fair will be increased. The officers of the institution are working diligently to multiply its attractions over those of all former years, and there is every reason to believe they will succeed.

A COMPANION PIECE.

The *New Mexican* has for some months kept standing in its first editorial column several statements alleging all manner of embezzlement, extravagance, dishonesty, etc. peculiar to that paper's peculiar method of treating political and public questions.

As a companion piece, we suggest that that paper add the report of a special committee of the Council of the 37th session of the Legislature, of which committee T. D. Barnes and Pedro Perez were the majority, officially admitting the truth of the charges previously made by the Democratic Governor that the contractor and other Republican citizens and officials of Santa Fe high in the confidence and management of the party.

It would be mighty interesting reading to the tax payers, and a good companion piece and campaign document.

The rain of Tuesday afternoon seems to have been general throughout all this portion of the territory, and has resulted in immense good to the ranches and the growing crops. (A. B. Den.)

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WRECK ON THE SANTA FE.

About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a special freight train of 12 cars loaded with hogs, en route to Mexico, was wrecked six miles east of Lamy Junction, and Fireman Daly and a brakeman, whose body has not been uncovered but remains under the wreck, were killed outright. The engineer was badly if not fatally injured. The accident was caused by the train getting beyond the control of the trainmen on the Glorieta mountains, etc., on reaching a spur six miles above Lamy, went over in the ditch, the engine, caboose and 12 cars. A great number of hogs were killed. (A. B. Den.)

As a milestone of harmony Col. Frank Chavez of Valencia offers to sacrifice his fierce monarch if ex-dictator. How will that be for a week. The only way we could be induced to support statehood would be by an agreement to send Chavez and flow to the United States, senate for the remainder of their lives. Their presence would fill the senate with admiration in regard to our ability to furnish the senate with amusement. (Kingston Staff.)

Denver local papers say the Santa Fe is arranging to put on the fastest freight schedule ever attempted across the continent. The officials have concluded that increased traffic will follow lighting time on freight as well as passenger trains, and this will be their plan in the future. A. A. Hanley, freight traffic manager of the system, and F. C. Gay, general freight agent, were in the city yesterday. Mr. Hanley said: "We have a freight train that runs from Chicago to Denver in 80 hours. We put that out some time ago, and find that a wonderful increase in business has followed. The fast freight of to-day carries the pole that knocks the persimmon. We are thinking seriously of shortening our freight schedule from Chicago to San Francisco, and when it is completed no other line can touch it. The time from Chicago to Denver will be less than 55 hours, the fastest time ever made by a regular freight across the plains."

If Delegate Joseph was worth a "tinker's dam" as a legislator New Mexico would now be one of the states of the Union. (Citizen.)

Delegate Joseph is too honest to be in favor of statehood under the Santa Fe constitution. He, like all Democrats, favors statehood under a different condition of circumstances than now exists. It would be against the best interests of the people of the Territory to allow New Mexico to enter the Union so gerrymandered as to return a Republican legislature each time and thus defeat much needed school legislation, as was done by the last monkey show at Santa Fe. We need good school laws as a state, and to get them we must send men to the legislature who are not in favor of "wading knee deep in blood" before they will allow any non-sectarian school law to go intact. From appearances, to do this, we must elect Democrats. (Socorro Advertiser.)

A prominent business man, in conversation with an Optic representative, said: "The business outlook has never been brighter in New Mexico in the past five years. Market prices for wool, cattle, sheep, etc., are firm and inclined toward an advance. Silver has reached its proper value in the money market, and there is no prospect of its falling below the circulating medium. The rains are helping the Territory greatly, and the banks are doing fully as much business, on a safe, conservative basis, as they did in the flush days. Confidence in business circles is being gradually restored, and the prospects are very bright." (Las Vegas Optic.)

The Courier-Journal is hopeful. It considers the federal election bill as the last dying effort of the republican party. It adds: "But it will not win. This country is on the up, not the down grade. It is the republican party which, reduced to such extremities, is doomed. The Democrats will sweep the Union fore, and aft this fall. All that Tom Reed, and the other fat rascals who form the Palastian cabal, can do in the south will not make up to them the losses in the north, the east and the west. Their time has come at last. The next six months will dig its grave. The succeeding eighteen months will form the procession which marches to its funeral. And, when it is turned away by the side of those of its prototypes that have gone before it, a plain, white pedestal, with a little nigger dancing a jig upon it, shall be reared, the passer by shall read beneath the legend—

"What it lived, it lived in clover."

The rumor that an English syndicate has purchased the Luna Lopez grant, covering a large portion of the Cerrillos coal fields, is said to be well founded. It is said that the syndicate has millions of money, and will put in the most extensive machinery for producing the famous coals of that section, as well as provide for the building of a spur road to the banks. (Glorieta V.)

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